



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Church Council of First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas met for its regular meeting on Monday, February 20, 2017. Members present were: Danny Campbell, Doug Noah, Justin Dockrey, Clark Butts, Roland Moreland, Lucretia Franklin, Debby Gilliam, Pete Schrenkel, Sid Vanderland, Tom Scott, Charlotte Cooke, Tracye Vaughn, Craig Freeman, K'Lynn Roberts, Keith Skaar, Denise Beckham, and Art Hobbs. Staff members present: Darin Wood and Larry Grimes.

Chairman Danny Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:10PM and led in prayer.

The minutes for the January 16, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

REPORTS

1. Staff Reports

Senior Pastor - Darin Wood

1. Dr. Wood updated the Council on his health situation.
 2. Dr. Wood asked for prayer for the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board members as they were meeting to discuss some key issues for the convention.
- Dr. Wood left the meeting at 7:30PM

Business Administrator - Larry Grimes

1. Shelby Training. Shelby software training with the Church Business office staff is now complete with improvements to be realized soon.
2. Information Technology. The Church has signed a contract with External Systems, an IT firm, who will update the Church's information technology infrastructure including setting up the new server. At this time, a long term contract with the firm has not been executed. At present, it is highly unlikely the Church will hire anyone to the IT position currently open with Brian Davis' departure.
3. Staff Debriefing. With Dr. Wood's recently diagnosed health condition, Mr. Grimes has met with the ministerial and some support staff to discuss the situation with them in an effort to help them through it.
4. Student Pastor Search Committee. Mr. Grimes presented names of Church members to serve on the Student Pastor Search Committee.
5. Safety/Security Committee. Mr. Grimes the creation of a safety and security committee for the Church. This would be a Church Council committee. The purpose would be to help the Church prepare an enterprise-wide emergency preparedness plan as well as other appropriate safety and security plans. The Council discussed the recommendation and decided to return next month with names of potential committee members.
6. Boy Scouts. Mr. Grimes stated that with the recent approval by the Church of its Facility Use Policy, he will begin to implement the policy by requiring all non-Church groups to sign the recently revised Church Facilities Use Agreement. The Agreement references the Facility Use Policy, which states that groups or organizations whose beliefs are contrary to the Church's will not be allowed to use Church facilities. It is understood that the Boy Scouts of America have recently changed their national policy to allow transgender boys to participate. Once the Agreement is signed by the Scout troop affiliated with the Church, then it will be incumbent upon the troop leaders to abide by the Church's policy otherwise the troop will be asked to find another meeting facility.



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Ministerial Reports – Reports in meeting packet reviewed individually by Council members

2. Deacon Body – Justin Dockrey

1. Deacon evangelism training took place in January and was a success.
2. The Deacon Nominating Committee has begun to meet and will be finished by April.

Chairman's Report – Danny Campbell

No Report

3. Committee Reports

Missions – Keith Skaar

Mr. Skaar provided a report that spoke to the various mission activities and partners who were funded by the Church in January.

Child Care – K'Lynn Roberts

No Report

Finance – Sid Vanderland

1. Mr. Vanderland presented the January 2017 financial report. (see last page)
2. 2016 Accounting Internal Controls Audit. Johnson, Miller & Co. completed a 2016 fiscal year end internal controls audit in the 4th quarter 2016. The final copy was presented to the Finance Committee for review earlier in the month. The Finance Committee voted to approve the report. A final report was provided for each Council member.

General Nominating – Lucretia Franklin

No Report

Maintenance and Expansion – Tom Scott

No Report

Membership – Denise Beckham

The Council reviewed the additions and losses to the membership. The additions to the church totaled six with fourteen membership losses. These six will be voted on at the February 2017 Church Conference. Total church membership is 8,515.

Personnel – Danny Campbell

1. Mr. Campbell reported that the Music Minister, Family Minister, and Student Minister searches are progressing.
2. The Family and Student Minister position descriptions have been updated.



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3. The Preschool Ministry has made changes to hire two part-time preschool coordinators to report to the Minister of Preschool Education. This will help relieve some of the pressure on the Minister,
4. Emily Blau was recently hired in the Church Business Office.

Transportation - Pete Schrenkel

Mr. Schrenkel reported that the committee met in February to continue work on their goal to bring a comprehensive transportation report to the Council by the end of the Church year.

4. Other

1. Selection Criteria Subcommittee – Art Hobbs reported that the subcommittee has finished its efforts and will present its report at the March Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

1. None

New Business

1. License Ryan Rodriguez to the Gospel Ministry. Motion to license Rich Rodriguez to the Gospel Ministry was made by Keith Skaar, seconded, and unanimously approved.
2. Facilities Use Agreement. The Maintenance and Expansion Committee brought forth a motion to approve the updated Facilities Use Agreement. After some discussion, the motion was tabled by Mr. Scott for further revisions, and will be brought back to the Council in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM. Respectfully Submitted,

Art Hobbs, Secretary

Date Approved